

Iowa High Model United Nations
Disarmament
Zone of Peace in the South Atlantic
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Background

Finding a zone of peace within the Atlantic became an issue during the Cold War era. The Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCSA) was “initially established to mobilize the countries on the South Atlantic rim to endorse the idea of a military-free and nuclear-free ocean; objectives which have always been shared by the majority of our people.” (CGIS 1994). The ZPCSA was also formed to make sure that countries within the Southern Atlantic region could work together to stimulate themselves as countries. This would then kick start the progress that these countries would see in their “political, economic, scientific, technical, and cultural spheres” (1United 1993).

What Has Been Done/Past U.N. Actions

Several resolutions have been passed by the General Assembly regarding the ZPCSA. Such resolutions include Resolution 41/11 of 27 October 1986 which “determined the States of the zone to enhance and accelerate their cooperation”. The United Nations in 2001 took their time to “affirm the importance of the South Atlantic to global maritime and commercial transactions.” (2United 2001). The goal now for the United Nations is to keep up the progress that the member nations involved have been receiving.

Possible Solutions

With the goal now being stabilization and progression of the ZPCSA, it would be encouraged for all member nations to become aware of the situation in the South Atlantic. By getting more member nations on board, the countries could then work together in order to mobilize these countries involved. It would also be good to strengthen the ties between countries involved with the ZPCSA.

Questions to Consider

1. How do the member nations feel about working together? How much compromise has the assembly seen?
2. What are some specific benefits for the countries involved? How is it helping these countries in accordance to their economic, political, et al. needs?
3. What can be done within the General Assembly to stabilize the ZPCSA?

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